

FROM RRMC TO RMC

RMC as seen by an ex-Roads cadet.

1961-1963

03 June 1961

After graduation
From Royal Roads,
We donned our
Summer uniforms
And headed off for
Summer training in
Our chosen element.

The scene we left
Is a stark contrast
To what lay ahead.



Barracks

Accommodation was more Spartan than at Royal Roads, perhaps because they were constructed at an earlier time. Note the radiator (steam heat).

We missed the spectacular views which we had from our rooms at Royal Roads.



The big bonus in year 4 was: no more room mates!

Dress

Dress at the 3 CSCs was all the same. They were numbered from 1 to 5.

Battledress and the Blazer and Flannels dress are shown elsewhere on this web site.

These were the two dress up uniforms, #1 on left and #2 on right.



The Grounds

The grounds at RMC were neither as extensive as the grounds were at Royal Roads nor as picturesque. Kingston was known as the limestone city, and limestone was the main building material. The Cadet barracks were built of limestone. Although they had a natural beauty that manifested itself on a sunny fall day, as seen in the photos that follow, winter was another story.

The proximity of Kingston to Lake Ontario meant that the winter months brought a lot of overcast, grey weather. The combination of grey limestone buildings with grey, overcast winter sky left a dismal feeling.

Royal Roads suffered from its proverbial 40 days and nights of rain in the late fall. However, this usually ended with Christmas break, and winters were quite pleasant in comparison.

Martello Tower



RMC was undoubtedly an old army town! (Fort Fredrick)

RMC October 1962



Home of 2, 3, 4 and 5 Squadrons, plus our mess hall.

More October 1962



The newest building is on the right (Massey Library)

McKenzie Building



Most sports events took place on this field.

The Stone Frigate 1963



This was the scene witnessed by most of us for four months.

**Cadets
Were
Not
Permitted
To Own
Personal
Automobiles.**

***But the
Gals most
Definitely
Were
Attracted to
Guys who
Had them!***



RMC – SPRING 1963 – from Fort Henry

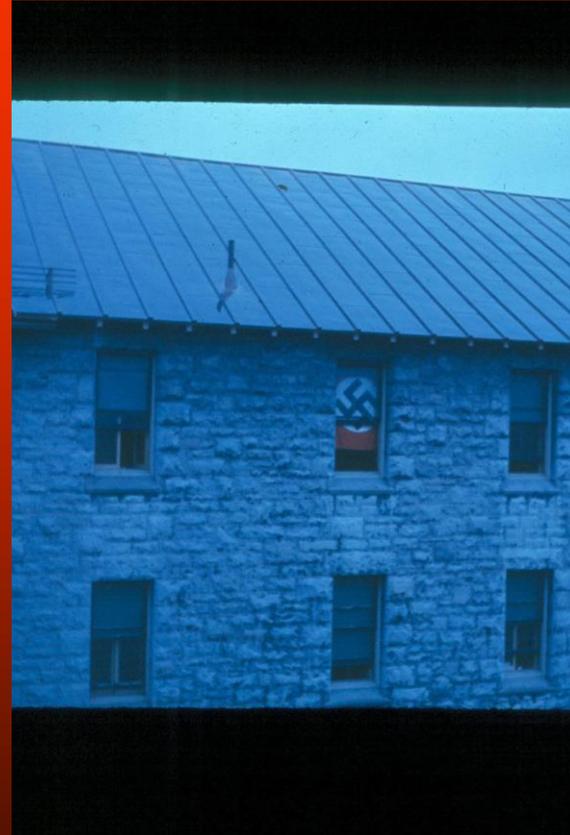
Rebel at RMC (1963)?

Who was the protestor in
2 Squadron?

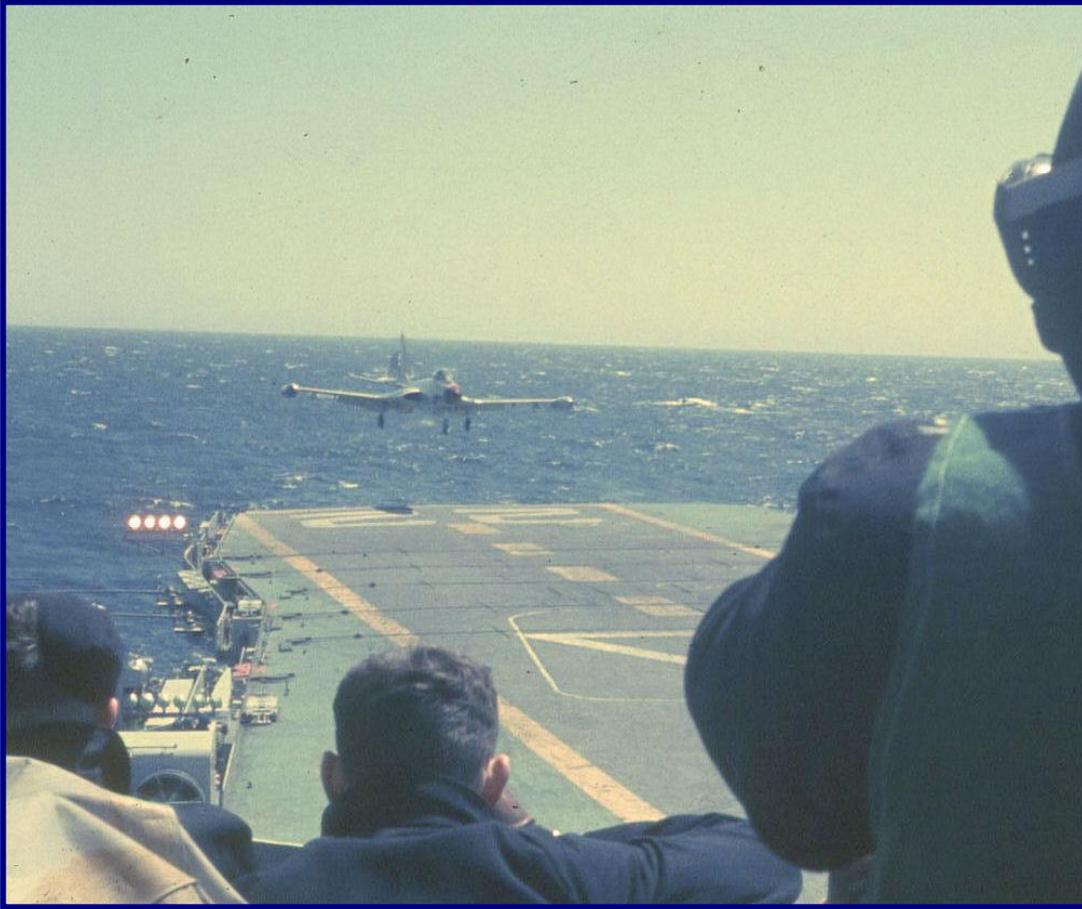
15 years after WW II ended,
souvenirs collected by
veterans were easily obtained.

Some were tolerated. But, would
they be in today's politically
correct environment?

How times have changed over
the past 50 years!



HMCS BONAVENTURE



For some Arts and Science cadets, the highlight of RMC was a visit to various military bases. After breaking some Centurion tanks in Gagetown, an invitation to go to sea on board Canada's last aircraft carrier was a real delight.

RCN Banshee jet on approach for landing on "The Bonnie"

AFTER GRADUATION
FROM RMC
COMES OBLIGATORY
MILITARY SERVICE.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The Old Brigade?



Why not go fishing and think about it?